



Animal Tracks

NEWSLETTER

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ONE DAY AT A TIME...

What a way to start a new decade – the COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on every one of us; sadly some more than others. From all of us at The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, we wish you all security, compassion, and wellbeing during this extraordinarily stressful time.

Like so many businesses, Oasis too had to close up, but the animals still needed daily care. Our 3 employees and our diligent volunteers worked hard to be sure the animals were fed, clean and comfortable. Our new Operations Manager, Karen Price, is now splitting her time between office work and animal care (inside and out) so she becomes proficient with all the requirements of running the farm. She has also taken home much of the office work to return phone calls, update records, etc. Her part-time assistant Denise Phillips stepped up to full time to cover for our departing caretaker Jim. She cares for the outside animals and does farm work as well as keeps up with spay/neuter applications, volunteer applications, Petfinder updates, and other tasks that keep the programs going. Other Board members stepped up their presence at the farm to help out wherever necessary. **The new mantra is "TEAMWORK makes the dream work!"**

Volunteers, while socially distancing, came and helped with all of the above when they could. The dedication to the animals exhibited by the employees and volunteers is a heart-warming outcome to this otherwise awful situation. We are all looking forward to when we can totally open up, have the office fully functional again at the farm, and have all of our wonderful volunteers back to doing what they love, caring for the critters!

Like many non-profits, we are struggling financially because of the pandemic. With so many people losing their jobs, donations have understandably declined. Even more detrimental is our fundraising efforts are stymied; our largest fundraiser, the Annual Dinner and Silent Auction normally held the first Thursday in June has been postponed indefinitely, and other events were canceled outright. We are very grateful for the Paycheck Protection Plan, and the loan deferral programs through TD Bank to help us get through this unprecedented time. The Board members are looking at every angle possible to reduce expenses yet keep the same level of care (notice the change in our newsletter?). We are doing more online fundraising and running money raffles. We WILL get through this awful time, and come out stronger than ever. **The animals depend on us, and we will not let them down.**

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE FARM...

Zeus, our large Royal Palm turkey permanent resident was recently diagnosed with uveitis, a painful eye infection that can cause blindness. Operations Manager Karen noticed Zeus was not his usual boisterous self, and upon examination saw his eye was clouded. She took him to the vet where he was diagnosed with this painful affliction. Karen and Denise got to wrestle with him for a few days getting drops into his eye. Now on a much-easier-to-dispense oral antibiotic, Zeus is beginning to heal and we are hopeful his eyesight will return to normal. He certainly is more agreeable to a medicine-filled blueberry than to be wrestled by 2 women!

Julie is our beloved 25 year old (dominant) mare who is battling arthritis, Cushing's disease, loose teeth, and a neurological issue. But to Julie, not being in very close proximity to other horses is more distressing than any of her afflictions. Most time she can see some of the equines, but when they "disappear" into their run-in sheds for their meals she gets upset. We are trying to raise \$600 for fencing so we can split a field & run-in shed so she can be right next to another horse, and smack dab in the middle of ALL the equines. We can medicate her conditions, but her emotional stress needs to be addressed. She is a permanent resident who lost her long time herdmate more than a year ago.

Midnight, Raven and Lionel are 3 of the 5 tiny feral kittens that were scooped up from a local backyard before they were killed by a predator. While their 2 sisters were recently adopted, these 3 are still needing more socialization skills. The process was originally going great until the pandemic hit and the volunteers could no longer come and work with them. As a result they are now "teenagers" that are still working on being comfortable around people.

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DID YOU KNOW?

**Oasis is NOT
governmentally funded;
all of our operating
expense is covered by
monetary donations from
individuals, grants from
Foundations and trusts,
corporate giving, be-
quests & inheritances,
and non-cash gifts by
individuals and
businesses.**

WISH LIST

- **VOLUNTEERS!** Especially for horse care (experienced please)
- Bales of straw
- Pine or cedar shavings for horse bedding
- Postage stamps
- #10 and #6-3/4 envelopes
- Paper for the printer
- A newer van
- 4 NEW large litter boxes with covers
- Unscented cat litter (Tidy Cats or Arm & Hammer)
- Rakes
- Manure Forks

GIFT CARDS FROM:

- Tractor Supply (animal & farm needs)
- Horse'N Around Tack Shop (Sewell, NJ)
- WaWa (gas for the tractors and van)
- Staples (office supplies)
- Walmart or Shop Rite (cleaning & animal supplies)

WE WENT HOME!

Even with the pandemic, we have had success in finding good homes for some of our animals:

- Whiskers** – young adult male cat
- Georgie & Sweetie Pie** – young adult brother & sister felines; together!
- Calli & Cora** – former feral kitten sisters; together!
- Sassy & Miss Kitty** – older, bonded pair of adult female cats; together!
- Minerva** – stray female kitten
- Hunter** – 22 year old Thoroughbred to a permanent Foster Mom

STILL WAITING TO GO HOME

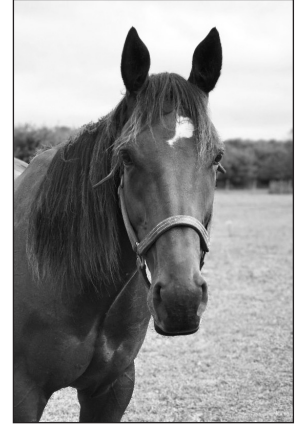
We have others looking for their forever home! Please check out our website at www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org to see them all – in color!



Andre - Black and White Male Tuedo



Charli - Black and White Female Kitten



Hugo - 8 Year Old Gelding Thoroughbred

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP

On June 19, 2020, Oasis will officially turn 19 years old. We have survived many obstacles over the years and fully expect to continue our life's calling in the future. But we can't do it without you. Since we are not governmentally funded, we rely on the generosity of the general public, corporate sponsorships, co-pays for our services, and grants from foundations and trusts. We have all been hit with tough financial times due to the shutdown. If you can donate at this time, we truly appreciate it.

(If you prefer to donate non-cash items, our wish list is above and on our website. Hopefully the next newsletter will be "back to normal".)

MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

Every year Oasis runs Money Raffles to raise funds for the animal programs at the sanctuary. Each ticket provides an individual with 10 chances to win, and the prizes are based on a percentage of the gross income from ticket sales. The winning tickets are normally pulled at the Franklinville Township Mayor's office; however due to the pandemic, we had a person at the farm who hadn't purchased any tickets, draw the winners for the April drawing.

This year's winners for the Spring Money Raffle held on April 22, 2020 were:

1st	Sandra Hauenstein	Franklinville, NJ	\$529.50
2nd	Pam Simmerman	Mullica Hill, NJ	\$423.60
3rd	James Davis	Avalon, NJ	\$370.65
4th	Mary Johnson	Franklinville, NJ	\$317.70
5th	Gary Brooks	Southampton, NJ	\$264.75
6th	Gerri Sell	Sewell, NJ	\$238.28
7th	Gloria Zingrone	Hammonton, NJ	\$185.32
8th	Susan Geers	Franklinville, NJ	\$158.85
9th	Denise Danyliw	Sewell, NJ	\$105.90
10th	Sandy Sughrue	Egg Harbor Twp, NJ	\$ 52.95

Thank you to all who participated, and a BIG THANK YOU to those who donated all or a portion of their winnings back to Oasis!

Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.
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